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Arab diaspora refers to descendants of the Arab emigrants who, voluntarily or as refugees, emigrated from their native lands to non-Arab countries, primarily in the Americas, Europe, Southeast Asia, and West Africa. Emigrants from Arab countries, such as Sudan and the Palestinian territories, also form significant diasporas in other Arab states.

Arab diaspora
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Total population	
50,000,000[1]	
Regions with significant populations	
Turkey	5,000,000[2][3][4][5][6]
France	4-7 million[7] to 5.5[8] million people of North African (Arab or Berber) descent[9]
Colombia	3,200,000[10][11][12][13][14]
Niger	2,116,000[15]
United States	2,097,642 [16][17]
Argentina	2,000,000[18]
Brazil	Highly inconsistent data regarding the number of ethnic Arabs. Some sources claim there are 15 to 21 million Arabs and descendants of Arabs.[19][20] According to research conducted by IBGE in 2008, covering only the states of Amazonas, Paraíba, São Paulo, Rio Grande do Sul, Mato Grosso and Distrito Federal, 0.9% of white Brazilian respondents said they had family origins in Western Asia. This would represent a population of about 1,900,000.[21]
Venezuela	1,600,000[22]
Chad	1,536,000 (est.)[23]
Iran	1,500,000[24]
Germany	1,401,950[25]
Spain	1,350,000[26][27]
Mexico	1,100,000[28][29]
Mali	950,000[30]
Chile	800,000[31][32][33][34]
Belgium	800,000 (600,000 from Morocco) [citation needed]
Canada	520,323[35]
Italy	680,000[36]
Netherlands	480,000–613,800[37]
Burkina Faso	350,000[38]
Australia	321,728[39]
Ivory Coast	300,000[40]
Honduras	275,000 [41][42]
Ecuador	250,000 [43]
United Kingdom	England: 230,556 (2011 census)[44] Wales: 9,989 (2011 census)[44] Scotland: 9,366 (2011 census)[45]
El Salvador	More than 120,000[46][47][48][49][50]
Malaysia	96,672
Indonesia	87,227 Arab Indonesians in 2005 census (officially)[51]
Languages	
Arabic (mother tongue), French, Italian, Spanish, English, Portuguese, Malay, Filipino, Hebrew, Indonesian, Japanese, German, Turkish, Persian and other languages among others	
Religion	
Predominantly Islam in Europe and Asia, Christianity in the Americas, but also Druze, and irreligion[citation needed]	
Related ethnic groups	
Lebanese diaspora · Iraqi diaspora · Egyptian diaspora · Yemeni diaspora · Palestinian diaspora · Syrian diaspora · Moroccan diaspora	

Overview [edit]

Arab expatriates contribute to the circulation of financial and human capital in the region and thus significantly promote regional development. In 2009 Arab countries received a total of US$35.1 billion in remittance in-flows and remittances sent to Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon from other Arab countries are 40 to 190 per cent higher than trade revenues between these and other Arab countries.[52] Large numbers of Arabs migrated to West Africa, particularly Côte d'Ivoire,[53] Senegal,[54] Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Nigeria.[55] Since the end of the civil war in 2002, Lebanese traders have become re-established in Sierra Leone.[citation needed]

According to Saudi Aramco World, the largest concentration of Arabs outside the Arab World is in Brazil, which has 9 million Brazilians of Arab ancestry.[56] Of these 9 million Arabs, 6 million are of Lebanese ancestry,[57][58][59] making Brazil's population of Lebanese equivalent to that of Lebanon itself. However, these figures are contradicted by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE), which is the agency responsible for official collection of statistical information in Brazil. According to the 2010 Brazilian census conducted by IBGE, there were only 12,336 Lebanese nationals living in Brazil and other Arab nationalities were so small that they were not even listed.[60] The Brazilian census does not ask about ancestry or family origin. There is a question about nationality and, according to the Brazilian law, any person born in Brazil is a Brazilian national by birth and right for any purpose, nationally or internationally - not an Arab.[61][62] The last Brazilian census to ask about family origin was conducted in 1940. At that time, 107,074 Brazilians said they had a Syrian, Lebanese, Palestinian, Iraqi or Arab father. Native Arabs were 46,105 and naturalized Brazilians were 5,447. In 1940, Brazil had 41,169,321 inhabitants, hence Arabs and their children were 0.38% of Brazil's population in 1940.[63]

Colombia,[64] Argentina, Venezuela, Mexico and Chile. Palestinians cluster in Chile and Central America, particularly El Salvador, and Honduras.[65] The Palestinian community in Chile[66][67] is the fourth largest in the world after those in Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan. Arab Haitians (a large number of whom live in the capital) are more often than not, concentrated in financial areas where the majority of them establish businesses. In the United States, there are around 3.5 million people of Arab ancestry.[68]

It has been estimated that there are as many as four million Indonesians with at least partial Arab ancestry.[69] They are generally well-integrated socially with Indonesian society, and identify as Indonesians.[70] In the 2010 census, 118,886 people, amounting to 0.05% of the population, identified themselves as being of Arab ethnicity.[71]

See also [edit]

- Algerian British
- Arab Americans
- Arab Argentines
- Arab Australians
- Arab Brazilians
- Arab Canadians
- Arab Chileans
- Arab Colombians
- Arab Haitians
- Arab Indonesians
- Arab Mexicans
- Arab New Zealanders
- Arab Singaporeans
- Arab Venezuelans
- Arabs in Austria
- Arabs in Bulgaria
- Arabs in Europe
- Arabs in Finland
- Arabs in France
- Arabs in Germany
- Arabs in Greece
- Arabs in India
- Arabs in Italy
- Arabs in Japan
- Arabs in the Netherlands
- Arabs in Pakistan
- Arabs in Romania
- Arabs in Serbia
- Arabs in Spain
- Arabs in Sweden
- Arabs in Switzerland
- Arabs in Turkey
- Arma people (Saharan Arab and Spanish)
- British Arabs
- British Iraqis
- Chaush (Yemenis in South India)
- Egyptians in the United Kingdom
- Emirati diaspora
- Hadhrami diaspora
- History of Arabs in Afghanistan
- Iraqi Biradari (Iraqis residing in India and Pakistan)
- Iraqi diaspora
- Lebanese Americans
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- Lebanese Brazilians
- Lebanese Canadians
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- List of Arab Americans
- Magyarab people (Egyptian Arab and Hungarian)
- Palestinian diaspora
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- Syrian Americans
- Yemeni Americans
- Yemenis in the United Kingdom
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